

*****September 27, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Oath of Office

New Councilmember Elizabeth Baker was sworn in by the Honorable Gary Humble, Town Judge, who administered the Oath of Office.

Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Elizabeth Baker
Councilmember Andrew Gardner

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the August 18, 2021 special called meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Dick Graham, James Boulevard, spoke as the President of the SMEPF. He presented the Council with a calendar of events and some informational flyers on some of the activities currently available at the MACC.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, thanked the Iris Society for the many years they have maintained a beautiful iris garden at the MACC.

There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE IN AN AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$15,000.00) WHICH WILL RESULT IN PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT, AND OVERTIME TO BE PROVIDED AS A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE SPEEDING, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, AND NON-SEATBELT USAGE FOR CHILDREN AND PASSENGERS WITHIN MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN."

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ACCEPT A FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TDOT PROPOSAL FOR THE STATE ROUTE 8 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-808 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW FEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN STORMWATER UTILITY."

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

Discussion

- a. Masking – Town Public Spaces. All agreed this is an issue that the Town will continue to monitor. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.
- b. Updated – Water Policies. Following a review of the proposed policy, the Council agreed to put a resolution adopting the policy on the next agenda for consideration.

Manager's Report

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that, as requested, he has spoken with Honna Rogers, MTAS Management Consultant, who will be at the next meeting to present the Council with the proposed plan for departmental reviews.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Waste Water Treatment Authority (WWTa) Board authorized significant engineering contracts for a rehabilitation alternative study and a wet weather relief project. Additionally, he said there is a major focus on the treatment plant on Suck Creek Road. Mr. Veal said there is more attention and more movement towards improvement and rehabilitation of the system on Signal Mountain than he has ever seen before.

Mr. Veal said he attended a meeting of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust where they announced the acquisition of a 32-acre tract of Edwards Point. He said the Trust has shown interest in working with the Town. They have indicated they are interested in improving access to this newly acquired land, which will help alleviate some of the pressure on Town's facilities.

Mayor Poss requested that Garrett attend a meeting soon to provide the Council with an update on the Rainbow Lake survey results.

Mr. Veal asked Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, to provide an update on the Old Town Sidewalks project. Ms. Hopper told the Council that the Town is still waiting for comments from the state on preliminary plans which were submitted to TDOT in May.

Other Business

a. Communications from the Mayor/Council.

Mayor Poss suggested that Councilmember Baker be the representative to the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board. Council agreed. Mr. Veal will prepare a resolution, if needed.

Mayor Poss made a motion to appoint Councilmember Baker as the Council liaison to the DRC. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to appoint Mayor Poss as Council liaison to the Tree Board. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Councilmember Anderson said the construction at the library is going well.


Councilmember Gardner reported that the renovations of Marion and Driver fields look great.

- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Other. None

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the October 11, 2021 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder